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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR CALLS ON NEWSOM

1. TANZANIAN AMB. BOMANI CALLED, AT HIS REQUEST, ON
UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM ON JUNE 13.

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2. BOMANI OPENED CONVERSATION BY DELIVERING ORIGINAL OF
PRES. NYERERE'S LETTER TO PRES. CARTER DATED JUNE 1
AND NEWSOM RECIPROCATED BY PRESENTING COPY OF
CARTER RESPONSE DATED JUNE 10. BOMANI
ASKED THAT WHENEVER POSSIBLE HE BE KEPT ADVISED OF
WASHINGTON THOUGHTS ON MUTUAL PROBLEMS IN ORDER TO PREVENT

MISUNDERSTANDINGS FROM ARISING. HE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO NYERERE'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON JUNE 8, AND SAID THAT IF HE HAD HAD CARTER'S LETTER BEFORE THAT TIME HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SOFTEN NYERERE'S CRITICISM OF USC'S ROLE IN SHABA. NEWSOM AND BOMANI AGREED THAT MISUNDERSTANDINGS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN CLEARED UP AND SITUATION NOW "BACK ON EVEN KEEL AGAIN."

3. NEWSOM MENTIONED THAT REPORT ON LUANDA MEETING FROM PRES. NYERERE (DAR ES SALAAM 2501) HAD BEEN HELPFUL AND

HE THOUGHT RESULTS OF MEETING WERE POSITIVE. HE SAID SEC. VANCE WAS NOW IN EUROPE AND WOULD BE TALKING WITH THE OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE LUANDA PROPOSALS. BOMANI SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO ADVISE US ON RESULTS OF LUANDA MEETING AND URGE NEED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH SPEED. THE SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK ON CASSINGA HAD CONFUSED SITUATION AND SOME FREEDOM FIGHTERS SAW IT AS EXCUSE TO DELAY AS THEY NOT KEEN TO GET SETTLEMENT. ENTIRE SWAPO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS FLOWN FROM LUSAKA TO LUANDA SO THAT NONE COULD LATER FIND EXCUSE FOR RESISTING DECISIONS. SAM NUJOMA WAS "PUT ON DOCK AND FORCED TO ACCEPT." NOW HE HAS "NO CHOICE BUT TO GO ALONG" AND THIS IS "SIGNIFICANCE" OF LUANDA MEETING. BOMANI ADDED THAT HE HOPED WE WOULD IMPRESS ON SOUTH AFRICA THAT "OUR SIDE CONFIDENTIAL

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HAS DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE", AND THAT IT IS THEREFORE NOW UP TO THEM TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM NEWSOM, BOMANI SAID HE THOUGHT SWAPO WOULD ACCEPT IF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS WERE MOVED TO CENTER OF COUNTRY AND IF EVENTUAL NAMIBIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER WALVIS BAY WERE INCLUDED IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. BOMANI SAID HE HOPED WE COULD DISSUADE SOUTH AFRICA FROM CONTINUING WITH VOTER REGISTRATION AND OTHER THINGS WHICH WOULD MAKE SITUATION MORE DIFFICULT. NEWSOM SHARED THAT VIEW BUT ALSO HOPED OUR "AFRICAN FRIENDS" WOULD NOT MISUNDERSTAND IF SOME IRRITANT DID ARISE AND WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT US AND GROUP OF FIVE WERE ACTING POSITIVELY IN TRYING TO DO SOMETHING. SPECULATING ON FUTURE STRATEGY, NEWSOM SAID THAT AFTER SEC. VANCE TALKED WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS IN EUROPE, CONTACT GROUP MIGHT GO TO LUANDA TO MEET WITH NUJOMA AND FRONT LINE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN ORDER TO SETTLE ON FINAL DETAILS. THEN THEY WOULD PROCEED TO SOUTH AFRICA.

4. ON ZIMBABWE, NEWSOM EXPLAINED THAT OUR PRESENT STRATEGY WAS TO HAVE AMB. LOW AND MR. GRAHAM REMAIN IN AREA, MAKING QUIET AND CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH ALL

PARTIES. WE HOPE THERE CAN BE A MEETING OF ALL PARTIES
BUT RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTERNAL FERMENT.
WE WANT TO KEEP TRACK OF THINGS BUT LET SITUATION MOVE
A BIT BEFORE SPECIFIC INITIATIVES ARE TAKEN. THERE IS
A FEELING THAT SOME FURTHER ALIGNMENTS ARE NEEDED AMONG
PRINCIPAL LEADERS BEFORE PROGRESS CAN BE MADE FOR ALL-
PARTIES MEETING. AT THIS STAGE THINGS CAN NOT BE FORCED
BUT MUST WAIT ON ATTITUDES OF PARTICIPANTS. BOMANI
RESPONDED THAT HE REALIZED HOW DIFFICULT IT IS FOR US
BECAUSE CE;"E FIRE NOT POSSIBLE IF ONLY "OUTSIDE
LEADERS' INVOLVED. PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT CAN ONLY COME
WHEN "INSIDE" LEADERS REALIZE THEY MUST COOPERATE,

PERHAPS TO AGREE ON A COALITION IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A
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SITUATION BETTER THAN ANGOLA. MUCH WILL DEPEND ON
IAN SMITH, AND US MUST MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND NECESSITY
FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION. NEWSOM REPLIED THAT WE WOULD
CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS AND
MAKE STRONG EFFORTS. SITUATION IS NOW FLUID AND THERE
COULD BE INDICATION AT ANY MOMENT OF EVENTS LEADING TO
MEETING OF ALL PARTIES. CHRISTOPHER

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